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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

Compiled by the Statistics Division, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture
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MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURE SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about May 1, 1954, they held 1,797.3 million bushels for export and carry-over, some 34 per cent greater than the 1,337.6 million available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on farm stocks (with last years' figures in brackets) were: United States, 903.2 (592.5); Canada 637.0 (505.1); Australia 136.0 (95.8); and Argentina 121.1 (144.2).

Exports of wheat and wheat flour from the four countries mentioned above for August to April in the present Canada crop year were 461 million bushels, down 22 per cent from last season's August - April shipments of 589 million bushels.

Estimated supplies of Canadian wheat for export and carryover in the 1953-54 crop year were 823.2 million bushels compared to 754.7 million bushels in the last crop year. Sales to the end of April this year were 186.2 million bushels compared to 249.6 million last year. To May 18 Canada had sold about one-half of the 163,231,000 bushels of wheat guaranteed under the International Wheat Agreement.

COARSE GRAINS:

Total stocks of Canadian oats at March 31 were 281.1 million bushels compared to 309.9 last year. Barley stocks were 227.2 million, an increase of 9.4 million bushels. Stocks on farms in Alberta in millions of bushels with March 31, 1953, estimates in brackets were: Oats 75.0 (80.0); Barley 70.0 (57.0); Rye 7.0 (3.2); and Flax Seed 0.4 (0.6).

Canadian exports of coarse grains August 1, 1953, to April 30, 1954, in millions of bushels with corresponding figures for 1952-53 in brackets, were as follows: Oats 56.2 (46.4); Barley 69.4 (77.3); Rye 13.4 (5.7); and Flax Seed 4.2 (3.5).

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock, January 1 to June 5, (1953 figures in brackets) included: Slaughter Cattle 23,244 (2,916); Feeders 6,355 (349); Dairy Cattle 13,661 (17,318); Calves 2,742 (1,893); Hogs 4,220 (10,920); and Sheep 288 (441). Dressed meat exports were: Beef 14,177,422 lbs. (10,726,415); Pork 17,439,766 lbs. (22,817,213); Mutton and Lamb 61,108 lbs. (27,059).

Alberta marketings of cattle and calves continue at considerably higher levels than last year. While sheep and lamb marketings for May were about the level of May marketings 1953, the total for the year to date is much higher. In May, 1954, Alberta hogs graded exceeded gradings in May, 1953; from January to April 1954, hog deliveries were below 1953 figures.

Poor pasture conditions in May were believed to account for reduction in dairy production compared to last year. Pastures are now much improved.

POULTRY:

The volume of eggs graded in Alberta to June 18 this year is down from gradings a year ago while totals for Canada are up 7.7 per cent. The estimated number of eggs placed in registered hatcheries in Alberta to June 12 were 11,937,000 compared to 10,428,000 last year, an increase of 4.4 per cent. The increase for Canada is estimated to be 7.8 per cent.

CONDITION OF CROPS:

Seasonably warm weather in the past two or three weeks has resulted in the rapid advancement of crops. However, while crops are generally in good condition they are considerably later than normal. More warm weather is needed. Moisture reserves are ample to adequate in all areas.

GRAIN MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED

CROP YEAR - 1 August, 1952 - July 31, 1953
1 August, 1953 - July 31, 1954

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54
Marketings:				- thousands of bushels -						
Month of May	7,233	6,166	1,912	947	3,042	1,543	160	116	34	24
Season, August - May	107,793	90,877	27,171	24,256	48,236	27,652	3,780	2,313	1,657	1,717
Estimated Farm Returns:				- dollars per bushels -						
Initial Payment	1.10	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.76	0.73	1.33*	0.81*	3.10*	2.33*
Interim Payments:										
February 18, 1953	0.20									
March 2, 1953					0.15					
Total per bushel to May 31**	1.30	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.91	0.73	1.33*	0.81*	3.10*	2.33*
				- thousands of dollars -						
Total Farm Returns to May 31.	$ 140,131	103,600	13,314	11,885	43,895	20,186	5,027	1,874	5,137	4,001

Total cash income received for grain delivered between August 1, 1953, and May 31, 1954, is estimated to be $141,546,000 compared with $207,504,000 for same period in 1952-53.

* Complete payment as these were sold on the open market.

** Since May 31, 1953, final payments have been made on wheat, oats and barley delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1952-53 crop year. These payments per bushel (with total estimated returns per bushels in brackets) were as follows: wheat, 23 cents ($1.53); oats, 10 cents ($0.59); and barley 12 cents ($1.03).

LIVE STOCK PRICES - ALBERTA

MAY, 1954, and Five Months MAY, 1954, Compared to Corresponding Periods in 1953

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (bonus not added)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of May								
Calgary	19.17	18.49	24.39	21.42	22.91	21.33	30.32	33.69
Edmonton	18.42	17.87	26.66	22.60	22.02	21.02	29.97	34.48
Lethbridge	18.58	17.98	23.11	- -	22.19	19.88	30.29	33.46
January - May								
Calgary	19.78	17.29	25.21	22.52	23.30	20.19	25.75	33.25
Edmonton	19.34	16.67	27.58	22.95	21.83	21.22	25.56	33.95
Lethbridge	18.97	17.20	22.94	- -	22.08	20.07	25.46	33.03

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog-Barley Ratio *

1933-53	1952	1953	May 1953	May 1954
21.5	15.8	22.2	21.1	34.2

Live Stock Price Relationships *

	1933-53	1952	1953	May 1953	May 1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	123.7	84.7	80.2	67.8
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	118.5	92.8	95.8	79.7
Good Steers - Good Lambs	91.2	104.4	91.2	83.6	85.0

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of Grade B_1 live hog at Edmonton prices plus federal premium on hogs.

* Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs, (federal premium included) or good lambs.

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LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

MAY 1954 AND FIVE MONTHS ENDING MAY 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
				- number of head -				
Receipts at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of May	34,536	40,787	5,730	6,198	4,581	4,503	109,964	115,744
January - May	163,417	206,316	27,405	32,239	48,280	58,974	640,006	588,895
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants								
Month of May	4,511	5,426	449	412	47	3	-	-
January - May	17,121	20,923	3,312	2,497	1,403	1,078	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of May	30,025	35,361	5,281	5,786	4,534	4,500	109,964	115,744
January - May	146,296	185,393	24,093	29,742	46,877	57,896	640,006	588,895
Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments								
Month of May		2,813		601		110		2,163
January - May		13,726		3,792		826		12,523
Total Net Live Stock Marketings								
Month of May	32,838	38,174	5,882	6,387	4,644	4,610	112,127	117,907
January - May	160,022	199,119	27,885	33,584	47,703	58,722	652,529	601,418
				- dollars -				
Estimated Value of Livestock Marketed								
Month of May	$ 5,483,946	5,687,926	317,628	293,802	97,524	92,200	5,269,969	6,484,885
January - May	$ 26,598,822	27,966,175	1,743,472	1,776,059	952,047	1,161,952	26,748,362	32,842,922

Uninspected slaughterings for 1953 are not available. In calculating total net marketings and values it was assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings reported for 1954. Estimated total net income from live stock slaes in 1954 with 1953 figures in brackets were: May $12,558,813 ($11,169,067) and for January to May inclusive $63,747,108 ($56,042,703).

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	APRIL		JANUARY-APRIL		APRIL		JANUARY-APRIL	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,816	1,882	5,312	5,755	1,026	1,078	3,136	3,413
Dairy Butter	9	7	28	21	5	4	16	12
Milk for Cheese Making	2,288	2,618	6,579	9,196	52	59	156	218
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream, and Fluid Cream *	12,126	10,970	41,907	38,448	338	306	1,192	1,105
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,143	17,025	64,090	67,494	730	777	2,904	3,060
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - - - - - $					2,151	2,224	7,404	7,808

* Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Milk Basis.

	MAY		JANUARY-MAY		MAY		JANUARY-MAY	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousand dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,915	1,690	8,183	8,075	691,465	480,783	2,848,302	2,416,632
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	250,441	363,474	874,000	985,000	92,663	90,868	303,485	274,038

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MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - May)	1954 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (May)	1954 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	12,229,033	11,922,495	- 2.51	2,602,770	2,349,612	- 9.73
	- Production	Barrels.	1,442,348	1,178,425	-18.30	343,671	230,836	-32.83
		Value $.	13,601,824	11,450,398	-15.82	3,256,470	2,218,312	-31.88
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	9,522,098	9,852,166	3.47	3,044,744	2,831,459	- 7.01
		Value $.	5,600,556	5,749,043	2.65	1,738,549	1,599,774	- 7.98
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	899,018	1,087,179	20.93	310,311	249,505	-19.60
		Value $.	301,362	364,205	20.85	99,300	83,584	-15.83
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	11,696,777	12,415,057	6.14	2,532,090	2,630,491	3.89
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	43,201,471	51,374,750	18.92	9,616,247	11,068,128	15.10
	- Production -Meat	Lbs .	119,821,250	128,312,984	7.09	23,766,080	27,086,853	13.97
		Value $.	34,675,326	40,445,389	16.64	7,408,165	8,889,745	20.00

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

			1 9 5 3 (Jan. - May)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (May)	1 9 5 4 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	2,255,596	2,124,931	- 5.79	371,487	270,056	- 27.31
		Value $.	11,792,611	11,159,462	- 5.37	2,017,839	1,422,817	- 29.49
Salt	Production	Tons	9,409	10,894	15.78	2,202	2,062	- 6.36
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$.	39,924,954	44,338,762	11.06	10,823,543	10,076,421	- 6.90
Propane	Production	Gallons	5,531,974	6,241,503	12.83	1,213,586	1,203,299	- .85
	Sales	Gallons	5,574,109	7,039,760	26.29	1,174,335	1,216,155	3.56
Butane	Production	Gallons	2,348,889	2,647,438	12.71	453,407	483,376	6.61
	Sales	Gallons	785,601	2,585,662	229.13	127,667	407,446	219.15
Sulphur	Production	Tons	7,494	9,208	22.87	1,626	1,638	.74
	Sales	Tons	5,178	6,316	21.98	616	1,448	135.06
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	1,018,034	1,150,857	13.05	195,971	226,958	15.81
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	5,217,832	4,640,195	-11.07	1,276,406	1,165,741	- 8.67
Cement	Production	Barrels	1,345,886	1,194,347	-11.26	259,464	237,120	- 8.61
		Value $.	3,432,876	3,007,934	-12.38	664,727	605,268	- 8.95
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	192,560	249,060	29.34	44,433	58,404	31.44
	Production	Tons	7,119	8,593	20.71	1,472	1,904	29.35
		Value $.	110,451	123,181	11.53	23,104	27,409	18.63

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.- Apr.)	1954 (Jan. - Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Petroleum	(1) Production	Barrels	19,351,297	25,119,962	29.81	5,144,219	4,836,941	- 5.97
	Value of Sales	$.	45,371,505	65,780,012	44.98	12,337,802	12,526,787	1.53
Natural Gas	(1) Production	M.C.F.	40,571,683	51,313,840	26.48	9,340,929	10,859,198	16.25
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports	Gallons	20,096,649	21,120,767	5.10	4,383,738	4,636,362	5.76
	Exports	Gallons	398,938,785	783,518,895	96.40	154,304,128	173,919,516	12.71
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-	Gallons	212,890,497	222,086,417	4.32	39,477,238	45,188,152	14.47
	Imports	Gallons	4,219,839	3,636,641	-13.82	1,139,958	840,970	-26.23
	Exports	Gallons	45,680,717	47,856,885	4.76	10,394,226	11,657,066	12.15
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production	Barrels	210,775	234,218	11.12	49,064	56,823	15.81
	Value of Sales	$.	596,564	690,704	15.78	136,698	168,701	23.41

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, April, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. May)	1954 (Jan. May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (May)	1954 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	296,149,000	270,467,000	- 8.67	6,386,000	2,774,000	-56.56
		Value $.	11,846,000	10,818,700	- 8.67	255,400	111,000	-56.54
Total Value of Lumber & other Forestry Products		$.	14,474,000	13,447,000	- 7.10	327,000	183,000	-44.04
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts	1,206,710	809,671	-32.90	315,149	171,657	-45.53
		Value $.	1,058,100	664,888	-37.16	327,823	208,958	-36.26
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales	$.	217,853,302	205,644,958	- 5.60	45,535,832	39,931,224	-12.31
Machinery, Agricultural	- Gross Sales	$.	29,915,640	20,360,061	-31.94	7,247,507	5,210,107	-28.11
Machinery, Other	- Gross Sales	$.	8,308,329	6,078,192	-26.84	1,576,637	1,193,843	-24.28
Bank Clearings		$.	1,543,696,270	1,528,159,150	- 1.01	306,574,905	296,880,971	- 3.16

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.-Apr.)	1954 (Jan.-Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Department Store Sales (1)		$	29,429,000	29,743,000	1.07	7,900,000	8,366,000	5.90
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	289,640,000	275,564,000	- 4.86	83,694,000	78,573,000	- 6.12
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	16,758	12,033	-28.20	5,341	3,703	-30.67
	Value	$.	42,016,000	30,669,000	-27.01	13,412,000	9,484,000	-29.29
Bank Debits (4)		$.	2,806,502,000	2,909,876,000	3.68	740,272,000	695,812,000	- 6.01
Customs' Duty Receipts		$.	5,750,066	4,328,825	-24.72	1,579,984	1,132,283	-28.34
Electric Power	- Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	431,453,000	504,730,000	16.98	100,473,000	116,801,000	16.25

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. 4, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 4, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 4, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 4, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 4, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

CONSTRUCTION - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1 9 5 3 (Jan.--May)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (May)	1 9 5 4 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-)Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	2,069	1,225	- 40.79	624	408	- 34.62
	Value $.	17,763,540	15,914,983	- 10.41	4,748,069	5,647,531	18.94
EDMONTON	Number	2,425	2,424	- .04	858	891	3.85
	Value $.	18,646,317	21,453,875	15.06	5,331,259	7,430,483	39.38
LETHBRIDGE	Number	265	315	18.87	67	76	13.43
	Value $.	4,504,876	2,493,971	- 44.64	641,430	427,059	- 33.42
MEDICINE HAT	Number	196	158	- 19.39	52	61	17.31
	Value $.	1,426,500	853,049	- 40.20	338,870	375,650	10.85
RED DEER	Number	130	94	- 27.69	48	53	10.42
	Value $.	1,578,400	588,850	- 62.69	881,200	314,200	- 64.35
DRUMHELLER	Number	22	29	31.82	9	8	- 11.11
	Value $.	55,975	272,553	386.92	20,450	11,763	- 42.48
WETASKIWIN	Number	57	50	- 12.28	32	33	3.13
	Value $.	572,840	180,475	- 68.50	195,100	113,025	- 42.07
T O T A L - (7 CITIES) - - - - -	NUMBER	5,164	4,295	- 16.83	1,690	1,530	- 9.47
	VALUE $.	44,548,448	41,757,756	- 6.27	12,156,378	14,319,711	17.80

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1 9 5 3 (Jan.- May)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (May)	1 9 5 4 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	2,384	1,468	- 38.42	866	626	- 27.71
	Value $.	37,389,700	16,046,600	- 57.08	14,777,500	6,487,600	- 56.10
BUSINESS	Number	332	219	- 34.04	108	64	- 40.74
	Value $.	23,392,200	22,060,000	- 5.70	4,431,300	9,172,600	107.00
INDUSTRIAL	Number	34	34	-	12	2	- 83.33
	Value $.	1,766,800	15,762,900	792.17	143,500	22,000	- 84.67
ENGINEERING	Number	199	76	- 61.81	41	37	- 9.76
	Value $.	40 583,000	26,242,400	- 35.34	9,456 ,100	12,422,800	31.38
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	2,949	1,797	- 39.07	1,027	729	- 29.02
	VALUE $.	103 131,700	80,111,900	- 22.32	28,808,400	28,105,000	- 2.44

(1) Source: Building Reporter, June, 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

JUNE AND SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - June)	1954 (Jan. - June)	6 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (June)	1954 (June)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Banff - - - - - - - - - - - - -	212,581	196,380	- 7.62	87,017	71,850	- 17.43
Elk Island - - - - - - - - - - -	72,918	43,579	- 40.24	40,016	22,566	- 43.61
Jasper - - - - - - - - - - - - -	22,696	14,026	- 38.20	15,403	9,736	- 36.79
Waterton Lakes - - - - - - - - -	42,521	51,518	21.16	24,733	34,729	40.42
TOTAL - - - - - - - -	350,716	305,503	- 12.89	167,169	138,881	- 16.92

(1)AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - May)	1954 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec. %	1953 (May)	1954 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec. %
Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	85	102	20.00	14	35	150.00
Carway - - - - - - - - - - - - -	877	841	- 4.11	428	475	10.98
Chief Mountain - - - - - - - - -	48	71	47.92	48	70	45.83
Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - - -	10,450	11,179	6.98	3,168	3,445	8.74
Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - - -	467	468	.21	98	151	54.08
Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - - -	139	143	2.88	43	47	9.30
TOTAL - - - - - - - -	12,066	12,804	6.12	3,799	4,223	11.16

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

APRIL - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,096,045	811,160	-	1,393,455	433,720	4,734,380
AA-	3,388,770	908,670	142,975	169,820☆	44,590	4,315,185
B-	238,700	-	-	-	-	238,700
BB-	23,069	56,999	43,757	490,595	35,000	649,420
C-	958,778	269,962	68,357	175,010	-	1,472,107
G-	272,017	241,856	557,750	5,232,521	-	6,304,144
H-	1,863,965	28,800	211,351	960☆	-	2,103,156
J-	11,572,762	5,712,366	549,676	4,575,488	924,805	23,335,097
L-	1,307,635	-	-	-	-	1,307,635
N-	435,435	867,405	315☆	683,375☆	23,625	642,775
O-	2,332	-	-	83,221		85,553
TOTAL	22,159,508	8,897,218	1,573,551	11,096,135	1,461,740	45,188,152

☆ Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTHS PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

BY TYPES	1953 (Jan.- May)	1954 (Jan. - May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (May)	1954 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	45,350,645	38,800,160	-14.44	10,066,150	7,300,087	-27.48
Boots and Shoes	1,130,526	1,070,747	- 5.29	212,873	174,888	-17.84
Drugs	3,308,195	3,535,599	6.87	639,541	690,943	8.04
Dry Goods	5,530,688	4,892,683	-11.54	918,573	749,056	-18.45
Electrical Appliances and Radios	16,520,890	15,919,190	- 3.64	2,550,204	2,327,723	- 8.73
Florists	146,653	160,579	9.50	40,407	44,130	9.21
Furniture	2,680,297	1,846,432	-31.11	697,800	361,495	-48.20
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	53,402,305	54,740,147	2.51	10,579,250	10,817,749	2.25
Hardware	24,621,896	21,410,866	-13.04	5,555,456	4,711,713	-15.19
Lumber and Building Supplies	17,355,584	15,574,358	-10.26	3,893,814	3,334,943	-14.35
Paints and Varnishes	2,978,615	2,902,290	- 2.56	514,737	506,400	- 1.62
Paper	4,192,174	3,908,070	- 6.78	781,537	758,553	- 2.94
Tobacco	7,302,752	7,532,836	3.15	1,481,490	1,544,493	4.25
Oilfield Supplies	4,387,526	5,457,081	24.38	807,565	634,286	-21.46
Carbonated Beverages	7,063,328	6,544,078	- 7.35	1,679,285	1,430,123	-14.84
Miscellaneous	21,881,228	21,349,842	- 2.43	5,117,150	4,544,642	-11.19
TOTAL	217,853,302	205,644,958	- 5.60	45,535,832	39,931,224	-12.31
BY LOCATIONS						
Calgary	84,675,905	73,082,967	-13.69	17,669,674	14,014,738	-20.69
Edmonton	44,489,573	42,762,732	- 3.88	9,155,658	8,051,325	-12.06
Lethbridge	6,698,775	6,968,385	4.02	1,537,064	1,463,836	- 4.77
Medicine Hat	537,622	587,604	9.30	118,849	143,337	20.60
Smaller Centres	2,441,120	2,373,524	- 2.77	570,957	474,039	-16.98
Major Cities - not distributable by location	79,010,307	79,869,746	1.09	16,483,630	15,783,949	- 4.25
TOTAL	217,853,302	205,644,958	- 5.60	45,535,832	39,931,224	-12.31

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.-April)	1954 (Jan.-April)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	289,640,000[a]	275,564,000[a]	- 4.86	83,694,000[a]	78,573,000[a]	- 6.12
Grocery and Combination Stores	36,594,000	38,154,000	4.26	9,448,000	10,148,000	7.41
Meat Stores	4,304,000	4,517,000	4.95	1,105,000	1,195,000	8.14
Country General Stores	17,785,000	18,220,000	2.45	5,067,000	5,589,000	10.30
Department Stores	29,436,000	29,743,000	1.04	7,907,000	8,366,000	5.80
Variety Store	3,167,000	3,181,000	.44	966,000	1,028,000	6.42
Motor Vehicle Dealers	68,629,000	59,721,000	-12.98	22,087,000	17,581,000	-20.40
Garage and Filling Stations	17,798,000	19,007,000	6.79	4,938,000	5,091,000	3.10
Men's Clothing Stores	4,498,000	4,380,000	- 2.62	1,266,000	1,320,000	4.27
Family Clothing Stores	3,253,000	3,016,000	- 7.29	895,000	868,000	- 3.02
Women's Clothing Stores	4,412,000	3,972,000	- 9.97	1,375,000	1,289,000	- 6.25
Shoe Stores	1,559,000	1,540,000	- 1.22	530,000	506,000	- 4.53
Hardware Stores	7,209,000	6,687,000	- 7.24	2,126,000	1,876,000	-11.76
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	13,886,000	11,919,000	-14.17	3,773,000	3,376,000	-10.52
Furniture Store	3,584,000	3,001,000	-16.27	897,000	737,000	-17.84
Appliances and Radio Stores	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Restaurants	10,953,000	9,451,000	-13.71	2,956,000	2,618,000	-11.44
Coal and Wood Dealers	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Drug Stores	6,462,000	6,450,000	- .19	1,605,000	1,681,000	4.74
Jewellery Stores	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
Tobacco Stores	(b)	(b)		(b)	(b)	
All Other Trades	47,216,000	44,530,000	- 5.69	14,133,000	13,005,000	- 7.98

(a) Any slight difference between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not Available.

SOURCE: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 4, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st April, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 5, May, 1954)

Cold weather prevailed in the Prairie Provinces throughout April, delaying the beginning of construction projects and agricultural operations by two to three weeks. The number of persons working full or part time increased by 2,000; in the same period last year the increase was 37,000. As a result, the gap between the number of persons at work this year and last widened to 52,000.

The slow start in agriculture accounted for more than half the year-to-year employment drop. Construction programs were also slow in starting. Investment intentions, as surveyed at the end of 1953, indicate an eight-per-cent increase in construction this year but at the first of March construction employment in the region was seven per cent lower than last year. Employment decreased slightly over the year in manufacturing and dropped 14 per cent in Alberta coal mines.

A notable influx of construction workers into the major centres continued during April but weather delayed the starting of many projects and at the same time reduced the movement of labour to farming areas. The employment level during March was the same last year in Calgary, two per cent lower in Winnipeg and four per cent lower in Edmonton. The principal contributing factor in Edmonton was a year-to-year decline of 27 per cent in construction.

Alberta coal mining areas were exceptions to the general upswing in the region. In these areas, the effect of the seasonal contraction in demand for coal was accentuated by the gradual decline in the industry that has resulted from the increasing use of oil and other fuels. Coal mining lay-offs in March and April involved well over 1,000 workers. The centres most seriously affected were Drumheller, Brazeau and areas in the Crow's Nest Pass. Because there is little alternative employment in some of these areas, the provincial Government of Alberta authorized the expenditure of $100,000 for rehabilitating workers laid off from coal mines.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of April, 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At APRIL 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1954
			$	$	
Mining	113.3	114.3	69.12	73.61	17,731
Coal	64.1	57.6	44.09	45.33	4,650
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	189.8	189.4	79.50	83.27	11,693
Manufacturing	125.5	121.1	57.54	60.30	24,383
Food and Beverages	104.8	105.2	57.00	59.53	7,737
Meat Products	114.1	114.0	62.04	65.70	3,621
Wood Products	151.0	110.1	47.16	49.81	2,898
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	101.2	102.3	56.39	60.39	1,159
Iron and Steel Products	146.3	139.1	64.46	67.01	2,531
Transportation Equipment	162.9	144.8	60.33	59.88	4,282
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	104.4	117.8	53.50	55.48	1,853
Products of Petroleum and Coal	130.4	129.6	75.55	81.96	1,242
Construction	143.7	121.6	65.97	64.31	13,196
Buildings and Structures (k)	192.4	127.9	71.00	67.87	7,602
Highways, Bridges and Streets	100.4	114.1	55.78	59.48	5,594
Transportation, Storage, Communication	109.3	106.5	60.14	62.11	22,142
Steam Railways	100.6	93.5	64.07	65.69	12,507
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	129.7	133.4	57.69	63.34	3,408
Storage	111.9	112.9	50.33	52.91	2,608
Trade	123.4	122.9	49.41	51.84	24,215
Wholesale	126.1	125.4	53.34	55.26	8,746
Retail	122.0	121.4	47.16	49.91	15,469
Service	106.1	117.8	37.79	39.43	6,634
Hotels and Restaurants	95.8	112.0	37.56	38.84	4,519
Industrial Composite	121.6	118.1	57.78	59.60	118,062

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures , other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, April, 1954

Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (CONTINUED)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries at APRIL, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1954
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	122.8	115.8	$ 60.82	$ 62.83	8,715
Foods and Beverages	110.4	109.2	58.96	61.43	2,740
Transportation Equipment	155.2	138.8	60.86	61.94	2,538
Construction	145.1	127.0	57.20	60.52	2,504
Wholesale Trade	118.7	121.3	53.61	55.41	3,789
Retail Trade	119.5	120.8	47.99	50.94	6,030
Industrial Composite	123.5	123.4	54.99	57.02	30,051
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	137.1	137.0	58.35	61.27	10,144
Foods and Beverages	115.0	116.6	57.92	60.94	3,533
Meat Products	115.1	118.2	61.04	64.29	2,419
Construction	183.7	119.2	77.65	64.92	4,770
Wholesale Trade	135.6	138.8	52.33	54.66	3,788
Retail Trade	123.3	122.6	47.40	50.36	6,766
Industrial Composite	139.3	131.6	57.56	56.55	33,264

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, April, 1954

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At APRIL 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr.1 1954
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	22.6	22.3	178.4	181.0	40.32	40.36	4,006
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.7	44.4	168.0	174.2	75.10	77.34	4,135
Manufacturing	40.4	39.8	137.5	145.4	55.55	57.87	16,759
Foods and Beverages	39.7	38.8	134.3	145.1	53.32	56.30	5,108
Meat Products	38.9	39.0	148.7	158.9	57.84	61.97	2,514
Transportation Equipment	39.6	38.6	150.4	152.2	59.56	58.75	3,321
Buildings and Structures (h)	41.3	38.3	171.9	171.8	70.99	65.80	6,057
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	39.4	39.7	138.0	145.5	54.37	57.76	1,954
Service (j)	42.0	40.7	86.4	91,9	36.29	37.40	3,503

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, April 1, 1954

Prepared in the

Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.

(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.

(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.